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Some Considerations

OF A

Notable Expedient

To root out the

FRENCH POX

From the *English Nation.*

With Excellent

Defensive Remedies

TO

Preserve Mankind from the Infection of *POCKY* Women.

Also an *Advertisement*, wherein is discover'd the dangerous Practices of *Ignorant Pretenders* to the *Cure* of this *Disease.*

By *L.S.* Dr. of Physick.

Οὐκ ἀγοράζω τοσούτου μετανοῆσαι. *Demost. ad Laidem.*

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The Printer to the *Reader*.

Gentlemen,

BE *pleased to take notice, that the* Doctor *has lately left his former Habitation, and for the more* private reception *of his Patients, lives now in* Hyde-Street *near* Bloomsbury-Market; *the House he lives in is near the Sign of the* Clock, *and has a Porch with Rails before the door.*

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An Advertisement To all Persons concern'd in the POX.

Gentlemen,

I *Have spent some years in studying to help you in this* important Affair. *And surely I may (without any breach of Modesty) pretend to some skill in this Business as well as my Neighbours. For I have perus'd no less than three hundred sixty and eight Authors, who have learnedly treated of this Disease. I have travell'd also, and consulted some prime Physicians abroad, and carefully remarqu'd the Secrets of their Practice. I have had plentiful Experience upon the worst of Patients, i. e. those who have been spoyl'd by* Mountebanks *and* unskilful Surgeons, *and also forlorn, despair'd of, and*

quite given over by learned Physicians. *Many of these* unfortunate Persons *by my Care have been in a short time restor'd to perfect health; but some have perished: and indeed (if Miracles are not to be expected) how could it be otherwise? the Natural parts were so corrupted, the Bones so carious and rotten, and the whole* Compages *of the Body so ruinous and desperate, that none but an* Apollo *could promise either to himself or the Patient any real performance upon a Disease in those desperate Circumstances.*

I have diligently compar'd what I read in Authors with what I daily observ'd in my own Patients, and remarqu'd in the Practice of others: out of all which I have compil'd a Treatise of the Pox, *fully shewing its Essence, Origin, Causes, Differences, Symptoms, Signs, and Prognosticks, with all the several Wayes of Cure now in Use. This Treatise*

I have finiſh'd, and keep by me ready for the Preſs, *expecting only ſome ſpare time for the ſetting out a Work of that high Concern. But, as* Suetonius *relates of the furious* Caligula, *who being weary'd in butchering Mankind by Parcels, wiſh'd all the people of* Rome *had but one neck, that he might diſpatch them at a Blow: So in my* Treatiſe of the Pox, *my endeavours were againſt the Pox in particular perſons only, but in this enſuing Tractate I have laid the Ax to the root, and given it ſuch a* fatal Blow, *that in a ſhort time this Nation may be ſecur'd from any Attaques of that* Filthy Diſeaſe.

Gentlemen, *I well fore-ſee that a Treatiſe of this Nature will not be well reſented by All. For ſome formal Perſons will endeavour to miſ-repreſent the* Charitable *Deſign of this* Work, *and alledge, that the* Pox *is a* beaſtly Diſeaſe, *which few or none have, but ſuch as well*

deſerve it; and that the Obſcenity *of it is the cauſe why* Eminent Phyſicians *meddle not with it, but have hitherto left the buſineſs wholly to* Surgeons, Barbers, Tooth-drawers, *and* Mountebanks.

Anſw. *'Tis confeſs'd, that the* Pox *is a* naſty Diſeaſe. *But, does it therefore follow, that the* Cure *is to be manag'd only by* Tooth-drawers, Mountebanks, *and* Empiriques? *Or, that 'tis below the Concern of an* Eminent Phyſician *to meddle in this Caſe? For my part I never yet underſtood, that 'twas any Crime in a Phyſician to help Mankind in* filthy Diſeaſes, *but rather that 'twas an Undertaking which ought to be cheriſh'd and countenanc'd by all good Men. The more loathſome the Diſeaſe, the more* Commiſeration *is requir'd, and the Phyſician is oblig'd to a more tender Care. I will aſſure you, that my Intentions in compiling this Tractate, were Modeſt and*

and Good; not to countenance Debauchery, but to root out this Exotic Plant, and defend Innocent Perſons from the Fury of a Cruel Diſeaſe. I will faithfully promiſe you, that the enſuing Diſcourſe ſhall be manag'd with all the Modeſty and Civility of Expreſſion imaginable, ſo that the oculi emiſſitii *(as* Plautus *phraſes it) of* Envy *it ſelf ſhall not be able to finde any Offence in that kind.*

This foul Diſeaſe *is a complicate Evil, and as it were a Combination of the worſt of Diſeaſes, advanc'd to a ſtrange degree of Malignity. And as its* Effects *are* moſt dreadful *and* terrible, *ſo alſo is the* Cure abſtruſe, arduous, *and* difficult, *and not to be attempted by that* Illiterate Rabble *of* Mountebanks, Tooth-drawers, *and* Ignoramuſſes, *who in three dayes may do you more hurt, than you ſhall ever claw off while you breath. You are therefore carefully*

to avoid thoſe Perſons as Enemies to Mankind, Men full of Words *and* Promiſes, *but without any* Performance *at all. We daily ſee and lament the* ſignal Miſcarriages *of theſe Men; how Thouſands every Year loſe their* Lives, *and Ten thouſands their* Noſes. *And whereas in one Month the Malignity might be carry'd off, and the Diſeaſe perfectly cur'd, theſe men by their prepoſterous handling the Diſeaſe do ſo affix it to the Patient, and ſo root it in his bones, that 'tis afterwards impoſſible to be remov'd. Be wary therefore, and keep out of the Talons of theſe* Harpyies, *who uſe many* Artifices *and* Inſinuations *to draw you in. You are to addreſs to* learned Phyſicians *and expert* Chirurg. *for help in this Caſe. For let me tell you, There's ſcarce one among a hundred of thoſe who profeſs* this Cure *that throughly underſtand the Nature of the Diſeaſe, the Cauſe of its Symptoms*

toms, or any ready *or* certain Way *of* Cure. *And this is the reason so many perish of the* Pox, *who might easily have been cur'd had they fallen into the hands of* skilful Physicians.

Gentlemen, *I have one thing more to acquaint you with, and it is this; several Doctors in this Town seeing the admirable Effects of my* Antidotes *and* Bezoartiques *upon the* worst *and most* profound Poxes, *have with some importunity sollicited me to a* Discovery. *But I have not as yet discover'd them to any. Not, that I should be backward in any thing which might in the least promote or advance the* Publique Good: *but this* Expedite way of Curing the Pox (*which was not wholly of my own Invention, but in part communicated by those excellent Physicians* Monsieur de Bodé *and* Monsieur Balon *of* Paris, *the most skilful, not only of* France, *but of all Christendome, in*

the Expedite *and* happy Cure *of* this Diſeaſe) *I am unwilling to put into the hands of ſome few to be monopoliz'd, and made uſe of for their* Intereſt *only, becauſe I have deſign'd a* Diſcovery *to all, and to print them for the benefit of the whole Nation.*

This little Tractate therefore is but a fore-runner of a greater *and* more Elaborate Work. *For I do intend (if God ſpare my Life, and proſper my Endeavours) very ſuddenly to acquaint the World with ſome* remarkable Obſervations *and* Secrets *in this Diſeaſe; and alſo put the* Phyſicians *and* Surgeons *of this Age in a* New Way *of* Curing *the* Pox, *far more* Expedite, Certain, *and* Safe *than any hitherto known to the World. But in the mean time I conjure and charge you once again to beware of* Mountebanks, *and the* Illiterate Rabble *of* Pretenders *to this* Cure. *Farewell.*

L. S.

A Notable Expedient to root out the *POX*.

CHAP. I.

A Summary Account of the Pox. Its Names. Which moſt proper. French Pox and Lues Venerea diſallow'd. Aloys. Luiſinus noted. Anti-venereal Medicaments what. The Pox not an Epidemic Diſeaſe, againſt Leonicenus, Fracaſtorius and Maſſa. Not a New and Extraordinary Diſeaſe. Shown to be Sporadic here, and Endemial in the W. Indies.

THis *Calamitous Diſeaſe* has many Names, ſome whereof we paſs by, as being phantaſtic and

and affected; or barbarous and blaſphemous. The moſt apt Names are *Morbus Indicus*, *Hiſpanicus vel Neapolitanus:* but the moſt uſual is the *French Pox*. For moſt Nations in *Europe* commonly uſe that *Appellation*. And *Leo Africanus* (*Deſcrip. Afric. lib.* 1.) aſſures us, 'tis ſo called in many parts of *Africa*, as at *Tunis* in *Barbary*, and in *Ægypt*, as alſo in *Syria* in *Aſia:* & that the *Mahometans* uſual Imprecation is, *Te Morbus malè perdat Gallicus*. But methinks, 'tis pity to affix the Title on the *French* and rob the *Italians* of that Honour; becauſe 'twas firſt brought from the *Indies* by *Columbus* an *Italian*, and at *Naples* firſt ſhew'd it ſelf to Chriſtendome, and at this day is more common in *Italy* than in any other Country in *Europe*, as is generally atteſted by *Italian* Phyſicians themſelves. But eſpecially becauſe ſome *Italians* ſeem to glory in it. *Hier.*

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Mercurialis an *Italian* Phyſician (*cap.* 2. *de Morbo Gallico*) ſayes, *Ideo laus eſt Italorum ut abundent hoc morbo, quia indulgent Veneri & utuntur paſſim mulieribus infectis, ut non mirum ſit eſſe peculiarem morbum noſtrarum plagarum.* And they tell us, That ſince the Pox has been ſo familiar with them, it has done them a double Kindneſs; for,

1. It has in good part freed them from the *Plague*, for ſince the *Pox* came among them, they are ſeldom troubled with the *Peſt*, whereas in former Ages 'twas far more fierce and frequent than it has been ſince.

2. They obſerve that ſince they had the *Pox*, the *Leproſy* has almoſt left them, ſo that now every *Lazaretto* in *Italy* is filled with *Neapolitans*.

Some others in complement to the *French* forbear the *Vulgar Name*, and call it *Lues Venerea*. But though their Civility deſerves Commenda-

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tion, yet this Denomination cannot be allow'd. For *Lues*, as *Iſidorus* obſerves (*Orig. lib.*4. *cap.* 6.) is the *Plague* or a *Peſtilential* and *Epidemic Diſeaſe*. And as *Feſtus* ſayes, *Lues eſt diluens uſque ad nihil, tractum à Græco* λύειν. So in the judgment of all who underſtand the Propriety of Words, *Lues* denotes an *Epidemic* or *Peſtilential Diſeaſe*, proceeding from a Common Cauſe, and killing the greater part of thoſe who receive Infection. But the Pox is not an *Epidemic* but *Sporadic Diſeaſe*; 'tis not received from any common Infection in the Air, but by Contact of infected Bodies. Again, *Lues*, or the *Peſt*, deſtroyes the greater part of the Infected: but moſt of thoſe who have the Pox live, and may be cur'd. And laſtly, *Lues* is an *Acute Diſeaſe*, but the *Pox* is *Chronic*. 2. Nor can it properly be term'd *Venerea*. For that ſignifies

a Diſeaſe received by the uſe of *Venery*. But this Diſeaſe is not alwayes got by *Venus*: for Children get it by ſucking Infectious Nurſes; and Nurſes often receive it from infected Infants. And moſt Phyſicians tell us 'tis to be got by profuſe killing of women who have *Pockie Ulcers* in their Mouths: as alſo by lying in the ſheets wherein *Neapolitans* have ſweat. That therefore's an unſufferable *Caprichio* in *Aloyſius Luiſinus*, who calls his Collection of Authors who have writ of the *Pox* Ἀφροδισιακοὶ, as if Ἀφροδίτη or *Venus* and the *Pox* were one and the ſame *Identic* thing. I wiſh Dr. *H.* would conſider the Title of his Book, *Venus unmaskt*. Thoſe alſo fall into the ſame Errour, who call their *Medicines* againſt the Pox *Anti-venereal Remedies*. For an *Antivenereal Medicine*, according to the true import of the word, is that which

which is given to luxurious perſons to repreſs the furious deſires of *Venus*: as thoſe *Aquæ Caſtitatis* ſo often mentioned in Authors, but eſpecially when they treat of *Furor Uterinus*. Alſo *Anti-venereal* may ſignify thoſe *Magic Compoſitions* uſed by *Sorcerers* to diſable marry'd Perſons from *Venus*.

Phyſicians differ about the *Origin* of the Pox: for, 1. Some hold it to be an *Epidemic* Diſeaſe, and by conſequence to proceed from a *Common cauſe*: and of this Opinion is *Leonicenus*, *Fracaſtorius*, *Nic. Maſſa*, and ſome others. But yet theſe men differ about this *Common Cauſe*; for ſome hold it to be a *malign Influence* deriv'd from a Conjunction of *Saturn*, *Mars* and *Venus*, &c. And this is the Opinion of *Maſſa* in his Book of the *Pox*. But *Leonicenus* will have it to be a great Inundation of *Tyber* in *P. Alexanders* time, which drowned the great-

greatest part of *Rome*, and corrupted the Air: from whence he imagines the *Pox* to have had its first Beginning. And this he endeavours to confirm by telling us, that in *P. Pelagius*'s time *Tyber* overflow'd his banks, and upon that Inundation presently ensu'd the *Pest* and a strange *ill-natur'd Scab* or *Mangineß*, which the Physicians of that age could not cure. And he sayes the like happen'd in *P. Bonif.* 4th's dayes also.

Here two things are to be remarqu'd: 1. That 'tis probable the Favourers of this Opinion first called the Pox *Lues Ven.* supposing it a *General Epidemic Disease* proceeding from a *Common Cause*. 2. That these men were of opinion it would in time *senescere*, decay, and be quite antiquated, as other *Epidemic Distempers* are.

But the Reasons offered by *Fracast.* and his *Partizans* have not at all

all ſatisfy'd the world, or convinced us that 'tis *Epidemic*, or, that it will in future Ages abandon theſe parts of the World. For, 1. We have no Reaſon to believe it *Epidemic*, or, to proceed from a *Common Cauſe*, as the pernicious Influence of Stars, or Corruption of Air; becauſe Diſeaſes proceeding from ſuch Cauſes never continue long, but when the bad Influence is at an End, and the Air freed from that adventitious venemous quality, they end alſo: But the Pox has continued ſome Ages, and with as much fierceneſs as ever. Nor, 2. have we any Grounds to believe (as ſome endeavour to perſwade us) that the Pox does decline, and by degrees abate of its former Fury: for our daily Obſervation tells us the contrary, and that 'tis to the full as fierce and formidable as ever.

2. Some others affirm the *Pox* to

be a *New* and *Extraordinary Diſeaſe*, ſent by Heaven as a puniſhment to the *extravagant Luſts* of Mankind. And theſe men are ſo far from believing as the others, *viz.* That it does decline and abate of its former fury, and will in time abandon theſe parts, that on the contrary they think it advanced to a higher Degree of Malignity, and attended with crueller Symptoms than 'twas in the beginning. *Rudius* not only thinks it will continue to the end of the world, but fears that in a matter of 80 years 'twill infect all Mankind. *Et forſitan, quod Deus avertat*, 80. *aut paulo plurium annorum ſpacio omnem humanam progeniem invaſura.* (de Morb. occ. & ven. lib. 5. cap. 11.) And a certain *London Phyſician* has aſſerted that all this Nation has a *Touch* of the *Pox* and *Scurvy*.

3. The Third Opinion is of thoſe wo affirm the Pox with us to be

be a *Sporadic Diſeaſe* receiv'd only by contact of infectious bodies: but in ſome part of the *Weſt Indies* 'tis *Topic* and *Endemial* engender'd by bad diet, bad water and unwholeſom Air, as the *Leproſy* in *Egypt*, *Great Spleens* and the *Scurvy* in *Holland*. This Opinion of all others ſeems trueſt, as I have fully demonſtrated in my *Treatiſe of the Pox*. The firſt Opinion is already confuted; the Second is alſo falſe: for the *Pox* is not a *New* and *Extraordinary* Diſeaſe ſent by Divine Juſtice; for 'twas brought into Chriſtendome from the *Weſt Indies* by *Columbus* and the *Spaniards*, and propagated by Contagion and Infection, as is notoriouſly known and atteſted by all. Nor is it now more fierce than 'twas in the beginning, but continues ſtill the very ſame. The Ground of this Miſtake I conceive to be this: Theſe men did not take a full and comprehenſive

prehenſive view of the Pox, as 'tis in the ſeveral parts of the World, but only conſider'd it as it now ſhows it ſelf in ſome Northern cold Country. For the Pox does notably differ according to the temper and quality of the Country. In the *Torrid Zone* 'tis mild and gentle, ſo alſo in *Barbary*, *Egypt*, and among the *Aſiatique Turks* 'tis not outragious. But in *Spain* and *Italy* 'tis more cruel. So the farther Northward you go, the more fierce you'l find it: for in *Germany*, *Holland* and *Great-Britain* it handles the Patient more roughly than in *Italy*, *Spain* or *France*. And the *Danes*, the *Swedes* and the *Ruſſians* will inform you that it deals more rudely with them than with *us* or the *Hollander*. The Diſeaſe in it ſelf without doubt is juſt as it was in the beginnig, but if the *Hollander* finds his *Pox* not accompanied with ſuch mild Symptoms as the *Spaniſh*

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or *Italian Phyſicians* mention, let him not think there's any Alteration made in the Diſeaſe; but let him impute it wholly to the difference of Climates, and to the cold, foggy Air of that humid Region. In like manner thoſe who embrace the firſt opinion, *viz.* that it does decline and abate of its former fury, ought to conſider, that now Phyſicians have found out an Expedite Way to cure it, and abate its Symptoms; but at firſt they had no *certain Remedies*, but let it run on to its height. And, beſides, the *French Army* before *Naples* feeding upon unwholeſome diet, the Infection met with Bodies full of ill humours and ſtrangely diſorder'd: All which might encreaſe the Diſeaſe, and raiſe its malignity to an higher degree in that Army at that time, than 'twas in other places where their Bodies were not ſo diſpos'd. So that ſtill the Diſeaſe is

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the ſame, and as furious as ever: but now 'tis checkt and kept under, and formerly 'twas not.

CHAP. II.

The Author commiſerates the condition of Incontinent Perſons, and reſolves to help them to the utmoſt. He declares his modeſt Intentions, his Charity, and the Cauſes of publiſhing this Treatiſe.

THE very name *POX*, ſounds terrible to Engliſh Ears, and makes an Impreſſion of Horrour upon us. For this aggregative Evil is like Πανδώρα's Box, out of which all other Diſeaſes and Miſchiefs iſſue. When a man is attaqu'd with the Pox, he has not one ſingle Diſeaſe alone, but a Legion of Maladies preſently after ſeize his miſerable Body; *viz. Gonorrhœas*,

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Buboes, *Chancres*, *Caruncles*, *Stranguries*, *ſtoppages of Urine*, *Chironian* and *Telephian Ulcers*, *Fiſtulas*, *ill-natur'd Scabs*, *Tetters*, *Eraſion* and *Rottenneſs of Bones*, *Loſs of hair*, *Falling of Noſes*, *conſuming of the Palat of the Mouth*, *Loſs of Speech*, *Deafneſs*, *Blindneſs*, *terrible racking Night-pains*, *Invincible Head-ach*, *loſs of Sculls*, *Falling-ſickneſſes*, *Convulſions*, *Apoplexies*, *dangerous Catarrhs* and *Defluxions of Rheum*, whence enſue *perillous Aſthmas*, *ſpitting of Bloud*, *Conſumptions*. *Hectick Feavers*, *wonderful Extenuation of Body*, *Gummoſities*, *Nodes*, and *Tophaceous Excreſcencies*. Theſe, and an hundred more are the dire Companions of the Pox. And who can but wonder, that miſerable man ſhould be ſo deſperately hardy, and ſo *abſorpt* in *Senſuality*, as for one moment of *vaniſhing pleaſure*, to involve himſelf in ſuch an Abyſs of *laſting Miſeries*? But,

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when I consider the Imperious and *charming Power* of a *Good Face*, the *bewitching Artifices* of Women, and Man's *natural Propension* to *Venus*, the ὁρμὴ and *rapid violence* of his Passion, it draws me from *Admiration* to *Commiseration*. For we are all ὁμοιοπαθεῖς, subject to the same Passions, to the same Propensions and Inclinations of Nature. That man said excellent well in the Comedy, *Homo sum, humani à me nihil alienum puto.* For though some have that Fortitude not to be hurri'd along with this brutish Passion; yet are they not to insult over others, who have more of *Passion*, and less of *Prudence* than themselves. For Greenness of years, and Vehemency of the Temptation, though before God they avail the Delinquent nothing at all; yet ought they to merit Compassion from us, who have been our selves too often as-

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faulted by these impetuous Motions *tumultuantis Naturæ*. It was therefore *Commiseration* that caus'd me to spend so many good hours and years in studying to help these miserable Persons. Formerly I did believe that all those, who had once felt the *fury* of *this Disease*, would afterwards be more wary; but I was deceiv'd, and my constant Observations have now satisfied me to the contrary. For many do so indulge this brutish Passion, that as soon as they are out of the Physician's *Hands*, they run presently into the *Arms* and *Embraces* of infected Courtizans. Nay, too frequently we find, that whilst they are under Cure, they secretly continue the same Courses.

Deum contestor, I call the Eternal and Immortal God to witness, whom I fear and serve, and who is conscious to all my Thoughts and Secrets, that I have not publish'd this

this Treatiſe with any deſign or deſire to indulge or countenance incontinent perſons in their Luſts and deteſtable Lives; but merely for the *Good* of their Perſons, for the *Safety* and *Security* of the *Sober part* of Mankind, and for the *Honour* of the *Engliſh Nation.*

1. I have publiſh'd this *Defenſive Method* for the *Good* of the *Debauchée* himſelf. His Vices & his Incontinency I hate, but his Perſon I pity and love. Nor can this *Expedient* juſtly be thought any Encouragement to him, to go on in his Debauchery; for we ſee with our eyes, that notwithſtanding the *Pox* is ſuch a fierce and formidable Evil, and the very *Endemial* and *Topique* diſeaſe of *Bawdy-Houſes*, yet the *Greatneſs* of the Danger, and the *Commonneſs* of the Diſeaſe do not at all deter men from ſuch Courſes and Company, but ſtill they ruſh into moſt mani-

feſt danger, brutiſhly preferring one hours Contentment before Health, Life and Heaven it ſelf. Moreover, if we reflect upon former Ages (before *Columbus's* Voyages to the *Indies*) when this Diſeaſe was unknown to theſe parts of the world, we ſhall find that men were then far more continent than now; then Debauchery was not at ſuch height. But ſince the *Pox* has invaded *Europe*, and attaqu'd *Bawdy-Houſes*, and been the familiar Companion of Courtizans, they are wonderfully increas'd, and far more frequented than formerly; *Nitimur in vetitum.* The more we are reſtrain'd, the more impetuouſly we ruſh on. This *Hurricano* by its rapid violence, drives miſerable Mortals into theſe *Fornices* & *Cryptæ*, where they are ſure to be ſtung by theſe Θηλια ιοβολα, *i. e. Courtizans* ten times more venemous than the Serpents of *Lybia.*

bia. What shall we do in this case? you'l say, *Let 'em go on and perish in their wickedness.* This is indeed a most compendious way of reforming Mankind, *to cut off the Offenders.* But we find not that God, or any good Prince ever made use of this *rough way. Apage Carnifices!* Away with these uncharitable Persons! and let us discharge our Duty, and endeavour to preserve their *Bodies* from the Fury of this *Pest*, leaving their *better part* to the Care and Prudence of *Good Divines.*

2. This Treatise is design'd for the *Safety* and *Security* of the *Sober Part* of Mankind. How many *chast Matrons*, *tender Infants*, *innocent Nurses*, are ruin'd by this *Disease?* When I sadly reflect upon the *miserable Condition* of some *virtuous Women:* how *profoundly debauch'd* some Husbands are: and, how frequently the *Pox*

is made uſe of as a *ready Expedient* to diſpatch *Wives*, and ſend 'em to another World; I lament the *Miſery* of thoſe Women, and deteſt the *execrable Villany* of thoſe Husbands. It is therefore for the *Safety* of theſe *ſober Perſons*, and to prevent thoſe *Helliſh Practices* that I have ſet forth this προφυλακτικόν. Theſe innocent Matrons, converſing only with ſober company, are utterly unacquainted with the Signs and Symptoms of the *Pox*. Hence when unkind Husbands give them the *Running of the Reins*, they innocently believe it nothing but the *Whites*, and ſo let the Diſeaſe run on. So alſo they imagine thoſe *racking Night-pains* of the *Pox*, to be the Effects of the *Scurvy* only, (ſo apt is this Nation and Age to reduce all Diſeaſes to the *Scurvy*.) This Ignorance of the Diſeaſe, as alſo the *ingenit* and *natural Modeſty* of that Sex, are too often

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the Cauſes why the buſineſs is deferr'd, and the Diſeaſe conceal'd, untill 'tis ſo rooted in the Body beyond a poſſibility of Cure. And ſo theſe *miſerable* perſons are hurri'd out of this World by a filthy Diſeaſe. I dare confidently avouch it, that one half of *Infected Perſons* are *Innocents*: and further, that where *one* debauch'd perſon dies of the *Pox*, *five* of the *ſober part* of Mankind die of the ſame Diſeaſe: & the Reaſon is, becauſe the *Debauchee* is confident, and diſcovers his Diſeaſe, and in time gets help. But the other not being skill'd in the buſineſs, let it run to its height, before they underſtand what it is: and when they do underſtand it, ſuch is their invincible *Shamefac'dneſs*, that they chooſe rather to endure its utmoſt Fury, than to diſcover themſelves attainted with ſo ſcandalous a Malady. Add alſo thoſe *miſerable Infants*, who bring

a *Congenit* or *Connatural Pox* into the World with them; and alſo thoſe *Innocent Babes* who get it from wicked Nurſes, whoſe Cryes, Tears, and piteous Moans, deſerve ſome regard. All which, I ſay, being duely conſider'd, are enough to move any heart (unleſs flinty) to commiſeration and pity. This Treatiſe therefore is chiefly deſign'd for the benefit of *ſober Mankind*, viz. *chaſt Matrons*, *tender Infants*, and *innocent Nurſes*, and not for *Bawds* and *Courtizans*. For I heartily wiſh ſuch damn'd Proſtitutes, who make Leachery a Trade, may either periſh of the Pox, or be ſo *juſt* to themſelves, and *kind* to Mankind, to end their curſed lives with an *Halter*. The *End* therefore and *Scope* of this preſent Undertaking, is, not to remove the Pox from *Bawdy-houſes* and *Courtizans*, but from *Marriage-beds* and

and *Cradles*, from *innocent* and *undeſerving Perſons*.

3. I have publiſh'd this *Defenſive Method* for the *Good* and *Honour* of this *Nation*. The Pox is a Reproach to Mankind it ſelf, and infected Perſons may juſtly be rank'd among the Θηρία ἰοβόλα, or *Venemous Animals*. For, what Serpents in the Deſarts of *Africa* ejaculate more filthy Venom than *Pocky Men* and *Women*? This dire Venom of the *Pox* tranſcends that of *Vipers* and *Adders*, and is far more extenſive of its malice. *That* kills Creatures of a different kind only, *this* poyſons thoſe of its own *ſpecies*; and when Men and Women by the Impulſe of *Venus* come together, they poyſon one another. In ſome hot Countries, almoſt the moyety of Mankind is infected with this diſgraceful *Malady*. And who can but be mightily concern'd to ſee one half of Mankind come to

the number of *pernicious Animals*, and *Creatures that ejaculate poyſon?* If you enter into a *ſerious* (I am ſure 'twill be a *ſad*) Conſideration, and attentively remarque what footing the *French Pox* has got upon *Engliſh Ground:* what huge Multitudes of *Pocky Patients* come every year under *Healing Hands*; you'l quickly grant that this *Expedient* is *very ſeaſonable*, and that there's an *abſolute Neceſſity* of propoſing ſome *Defenſives* to repreſs the *Fury* and *farther ſpreading* of this *diffuſive Evil.* A multitude of Lawyers is an Argument of many *Law-ſuits.* And if we argue from this *Topic*, we may eaſily conclude the *Pox* to be prodigiouſly ſpread in this City. For, ſetting *learned Phyſicians* aſide; you'l find an incredible multitude of Perſons who live (and ſome very ſplendidly too) chiefly upon the *Cure* of *this Diſeaſe.* The numerous multitudes

titudes of *Surgeons*, *Chymists*, *Practising Apothecaries*, *Mountebancks*, *Empiriques*, *Tooth-drawers* and *Ignoramusses* who deal in the *Pox*, upon a sober Inquiry have been found to amount to near *one thousand* and *five hundred*. And if so many Persons live upon the Pox, judge how many thousands suffer by the contagion of that *spreading Disease*. It will therefore be a *generous* and *Heroic Undertaking* to endeavour by some *healing Advice* to help this Nation, and repress and check the enormous spreading of this *popular Distemper*. And that person who shall well perform it, will truely merit to be esteem'd, a *Benefactor* to Mankind. I have broken the Ice, and made a good *Ouverture*, let others follow my Example, *facile est inventis addere*.

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CHAP. III.

A Search into the Causes, why Physicians hitherto have not endeavoured the Prevention and Extinction of the Pox. Three Reasons assign'd, viz. *Pride, Covetousness, and Ignorance. The Author remonstrates the great Inconveniencies and Hazards he voluntarily thrusts himself upon for the publique Good, and for the Honour and Safety of the English Nation.*

IT's now almost two Hundred years, since the *French Army* at *Naples* was first infected with the Pox. I cannot but greatly admire that all the Physitians in the world have sate still, and let it run on thus long, and done nothing in the *Defensive Way*, towards its Prevention

tion or Extinction. They have indeed writ whole Volums and Treatiſes how to cure it, but they have not ſet forth in Vulgar Languages any *Defenſive Methods* to prevent the Infection or farther ſpreading of that *abominable Diſeaſe*. They have not propos'd any *Expedient* to root it out from the *Européan* part of Mankind. Certainly it is a far more excellent piece of skill, to preſerve Mankind from Diſeaſes, than to cure him when infected. And ſurely all Chriſtian Phyſicians ought to have joyn'd their Forces, and bent their beſt Endeavours to have quell'd ſo formidable and furious an Enemy, and, which ſo inſolently menaces Mankind with Ruine and Deſtruction. But, οὐδὲ γεὺ, not one word of this. None have yet inſtructed Mankind in this *weighty Affair*. There is, I confeſs, a matter of a dozen among the many Authours who have writ

writ of this Diſeaſe, that have laid down *Defenſive Methods* againſt the Pox; but their Diſcourſes are in Latin, and addreſt to Phyſicians onely, ſo that the generality can receive no benefit by them, unleſs tranſlated and adapted to their Capacities. But what is the Cauſe of this Silence in a matter of ſuch *important Concern*? I have made ſearch into the Buſineſs, and I find the Reaſons chiefly to be theſe.

1. Moſt of the Eminent Phyſicians of this City and Nation have always look'd upon this Diſeaſe as a thing below them; and ſo not at all concern'd themſelves either with its *Cure* or *Prevention*, but wholly remitted the buſineſs to others of an *inferior Claſs*.

2. Thoſe others who have ſtudied the Diſeaſe, have been ſo great Gainers by it, that inſtead of endeavouring its *Prevention* or *Extinction*, they have wiſh'd its

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increaſe and *farther Propagation*; ſo greedy is Mankind of Profit! Theſe men have carri'd it fair to the World, and craftily diſguiz'd their Avarice with the ſpecious pretence of *Conſcience*, alledging that the Diſcovery of *ways* of *Prevention* might be an *Incentive* to Luſt. Whereas they have been Eye-witneſſes of the contrary, and have daily ſeen, that the *Greatneſs* of the *Danger*, and *Commonneſs* of the *Diſeaſe* have not at all deterr'd men, or kept them within the Bounds of Continency.

3. *Illiterate Surgeons*, *Empiriques*, & *Mountebanks*, who pretend to this Cure, being perſons ignorant in the very Rudiments of *Phyſick*, conceive the thing to be impoſſible; and ſo never attempt any thing in the *Prophylactique Way*. Theſe *poor Hearts* conſult *Vulcan* more than *Apollo*; they ſpend their time in *Laboratories* among Furnaces

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and Crucibles, where they piteously torture themſelves, and the poor Minerals, to extort and draw forth *Elixirs*, *Quinteſſences*, *Spirits*, &c. and vainly promiſe to themſelves and others the effecting of Wonders. But they are ſo far from performing any ſolid Cure, and eſpecially in the Pox, that they either murther the poor Patient with their malignant Medicines of *Antimony* and *Quick-ſilver*; or ſo affix the diſeaſe to him, that 'tis afterwards impoſſible to be remov'd. That was a notable Saying of a Gentleman, who had been guilty of this Imprudence, in addreſſing to *Illiterate Surgeons* for help in this Caſe: *I carried*, ſayes he, *a Clap to the Surgeon, and he gave me the Pox for it*. For theſe men have an *Excellent Faculty* that way; for in driving in *Buboes*, and unwary ſuppreſſing *Gonorrhœas*, they uſually bring a *ſlight ſuperficiary Clap* to

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a *Grand Pox*. And when they meet with a *Confirm'd Pox*, by their *dangerous Medicines* and *prepoſterous handling* the Patient, they commonly exaſperate the *Malady*, weaken the ſick perſon, and in the end make his Diſeaſe deſperate and incurable.

Theſe therefore I conceive to be the Cauſes, why none have ſtood up to vindicate Mankind from this *reproachful Diſeaſe*; why none have made it their buſineſs to endeavour the *Prevention* and *Extinction* of this *pernicious Evil*. The Phyſicians of *prime Note* have been too fine-finger'd to meddle with this *foul Diſeaſe*. The others who have ſtudied the Caſe, have forborn to ſet forth any *Prophylactique Method*, becauſe they have not ſtudied the *Publique Good*, but their own *private Intereſt*. And laſtly, the *rabble* of *ignorant Surgeons*, *Empiriques*, and *Mountebanks*, have not helpt

help't Mankind in this important Affair, becauſe the Enterpriſe is too heavy for their weak ſhoulders.

I alone am the Singular Perſon that ſtand up, to *help* the *unfortunate Debauchée*, to *defend* and *ſecure* the *Sober part* of Mankind, *Venerable Matrons*, *Innocent Nurſes*, and *tender Infants* from the fury of the *Pox*; to *vindicate* the Honour of this Nation, and draw a conſiderable part thereof from among the *venemous* and *pernicious Beaſts*. Neither am I ignorant of the grand Inconveniencies and dangers, which by this *Charitable Deſign* I ſhall voluntarily draw upon my own head. For

1. Some peeviſh and reſtleſs Spirits will open their venemous mouths, and endeavour to miſrepreſent the Cauſes and Ends of this preſent Undertaking.

2. In diſcovering this *Prophylactique*

clique Method, I ſhall draw upon my ſelf the Envy of ſome *Phyſicians*; the high diſpleaſure of *Surgeons*, and the Hatred of *Emperiques*, and *Mountebanks*. And indeed not without ſome Cauſe: for in taking the Pox away from this Nation, I ſhall rob theſe men of the beſt Flower in their Garden. *Hinc illæ lachrymæ!*

3. The ſetting forth this *Expedient* to *root out* the *Pox*, is ſuch a ſtrange piece of *Self-denyal*, and ſo infinitely repugnant to my own *Profit* and *Intereſt*, that many will condemn me for it, as much wanting to my own Good. For, I, who for almoſt this twenty years, have had conſiderable Practice in the Cure of this Diſeaſe, now to iſſue out a Treatiſe to *prevent* and *root out the Pox*, what is it but to lay the Ax to the root of the Tree, and cut off all hopes of any *further Profit?* It is ſo, I confeſs: but herein

in I have had regard only to the *publique Good*, to the *honour* and *safety of Mankind*, and not at all to my own *Interest*. Gentlemen, I have ever look'd upon the Practice of Physick, not as a *Sordid*, but *Sacred* thing; and have always hated those base Spirits, who prefer the heaping up of Riches, before the welfare of *Mankind*. Those *pedantique Reservs* and *Concealments* of Knowledge become *Empiriques* and not *rational Physicians*, who ought generously to mind the *publique Concern* of a Nation, and not their *own Interest* only.

Gentlemen, these are the Inconveniences I shall voluntarily draw upon my own head, by my charitable design to contribute to the *publique Good*, and to help you in this *Affair*.

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CHAP. IV.

The Author demonſtrates the Poſſibility and Facility of his Defenſive Method from Reaſon and Experience, and alſo from the Practice, Authority and Teſtimonies of diverſe great and renown'd Phyſicians.

BEcauſe for almoſt 200 years the World has ſate ſtill, and not attempted any thing in the *Prophylactique Way*, nor any ways endeavour'd to root out the Pox; the greateſt part of Mankind have therefore concluded the thing *Impoſſible*, and, do now erroneouſly believe that the Pox cannot be prevented by any Art whatſoever. But, for the *Honour* and *Safety* of Mankind, I ſhall in this preſent Diſcourſe undeceive theſe misbelieving perſons

perſons, and fully demonſtrate from Reaſon and Experience, and alſo from the Practice, Authority and Teſtimonies of ſome great Phyſicians, that *'tis poſſible to prevent the Pox*, and that this way *of Prevention is Eaſie, Effectual, and Certain.*

I prove the Poſſibility of this *Defenſive Method* thus. All Phyſicians in treating of the *Prophylactique way* to ſecure the Body from *Poyſons*, and cure τὰ θηριοδήγματα, the dangerous *Bites* and *Wounds* of *Serpents* and other *venemous Animals*, commonly propoſe two things, 1. To fortifie the whole body, or that part onely which is moſt obnoxious to danger, and make it impaſſible. Or, 2. by *Topique Remedies* to draw forth the Venom, before it has made any conſiderable impreſſion upon the body. Now Reaſon and Experience tell us, that this is to be perform'd

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in the venemous Bites, Wounds, and Impreſſes of the greateſt and fierceſt of Poyſons. For example, the *Bite* of a *mad Dog* is eaſily cured, and the great impendent danger of *Hydrophobia* moſt certainly prevented. The Bite alſo and Wound of the *Viper*, *Aſp*, *Seps*, *Dryinus*, &c. may, and have frequently been cur'd, and all danger prevented by *Topique*, and *Internal Remedies*. Hence then I argue: If the fierce venom of theſe Beaſts (ſome whereof kill in few hours) may be prevented by *Internal Theriacal Medicines* fortifying Nature, and thruſting forth the Poyſon, and alſo by apt *Topique Applications*, drawing the Venom from the part affected: then certainly the Pox alſo may be prevented by *Proper Remedies* and *Applications*. For, 1. the above mentioned Poyſons are far more fierce and quick in operation than that

the *Pox*. And 2. they bring more dangerous Symptoms, becauſe they direct their malice chiefly againſt the Heart, and ſo quickly deſtroy the whole Oeconomy of Nature. But the Venom of the Pox is more dull and ſluggiſh, and at firſt ſeizes the *Glans* onely, and continues there ſome hours, before it makes any farther Progreſs, or diffuſes its malignity to any other part. 3. Why may not the Pox be prevented, or remov'd when 'tis ſuperficiary, and in the Genital parts onely? For the Remedies preſcribed in the following Chapters, are the very ſame that are us'd to an *Inward Pox*, when t'is fix'd and rooted in the body, and certainly any Rational man will grant, that thoſe Remedies which are able to overcome an *old confirm'd Pox*, where the Venom has taken deep rooting in the body, and is as it were naturaliz'd; the ſame may

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alſo with greater facility remove a *ſuperficiary Impreſs* of Venom and Malignity. The Decoction of *Guaiacum* is a known *Antidote* againſt the *Pox*; ſo alſo is a *Suffiment* of *Cinnabaris*. And if *Guaiacum*, *Cinnabaris*, &c. can cure an *Inveterate Pox*, who can deny that the firſt Rudiments and *Primordia* of the Pox may be remov'd by the ſame?

Let then theſe Sophiſters, who envy Man's *Honour*, *Safety* and *Security*, either give us ſome ſolid and ſatisfactory Reaſon, why this *Venom* of the *Pox*, when 'tis ſeated in the outward parts onely, may not be expell'd by *internal Antidotes*, and drawn forth by *Topique Applications*, as well as other Poyſons, which are of a far more fierce and malignant nature. Or, in caſe they cannot give any ſuch Reaſon (as I am ſure they cannot) then let 'em yield up the Cauſe, and confeſs

the *Poſſibility* of this *Defenſive Method.*

But that this *Defenſive Method* may be more fully confirm'd and eſtabliſh'd, I ſhall in the next place ſhew, that it has been alſo the Sentiment of ſeveral learned Phyſicians of *this* and the *laſt* Ages; who have in Latin publiſh'd *Defenſives*, and ſhew'd how to *prevent the Pox.* 1. *Gabriel Falloppius*, that learned Phyſician, in his Book *de Morbo Gall. cap.* 89. ſets down at large how to *prevent* the *Pox*, and atteſts upon Oath the *Certainty* and *Infallibility* of his *Defenſive Preſcription.* 2. *Euſtachius Rudius de morbis occultis & venen. lib.* 5. *cap* 13. has excellently perform'd the ſame Undertaking. 3. *Hercules Saxonia* has done the like in his Treatiſe *de Lue Venerea, cap.* 16. 4. *Rodericus à Fonſeca, Tom.* 1. *Conſultat.* 35. out of *Falloppius* and *Petronius*, has diſcuſs'd the Queſtion, and

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ſeems propenſe to the *Affirmative*. 5. *Julius Palmarius de Lue venlib.* 1. *c.* 8. believ'd alſo that it was *poſſible* to fortify the body, and *prevent* the *Pox*. 6. *Joannes Varandæus* was of the ſame mind alſo, as is manifeſt from the method he ſets down in 's Book *de Lue Venerea*, and from thoſe words, *mirum eſt eos qui de Lue Venerea hactenus ſcripſerunt, nihil de Prophylaxi ejus attigiſſe, ſed omnes ſoli Therapiæ incumbere.* 7. *Panarolus*, a Roman Phyſician in 's book of *Obſervations*, has ſet down a *Prophylacticon*, to preſerve Women from the Pox. Theſe are all Phyſicians of *prime Note*, and they did firmly believe the *Poſſibility of the* Thing, and have ſet forth *Ways* of *Prevention*. But in this one thing they fail'd, and were wanting to the *Publique Good*, viz. they did not publiſh their *Defenſives* in Vulgar Languages, (as I have done) but

addreſs'd their Diſcourſes to Phyſicians only. But in the enſuing Chapters I ſhall teach them to ſpeak Engliſh, and, to their utmoſt, inſtruct you in this *Important Affair.*

CHAP. V.

Some Practique Obſervations concerning the manner of receiving Infection. What Perſons are moſt apt to give and receive the Pox. The Author propoſes his Expedient, and Defenſives; and ſhews how to prevent the Pox by Bandage and Ligature, by Lotions, Decoctions and Suffiments.

HAving, in the precedent Chapters declar'd the Cauſes and Reaſons of this Undertaking, and demonſtrated the *Poſſibility* of the thing; and alſo made a Search into the

the Cauſes why Phyſicians hither-to have not endeavour'd to *root out* this *filthy Diſeaſe*: I come now to the *Grand Buſineſs*, to diſcover this *Prophylacticon*, and lay down this *Expedient* to *root out* the *Pox*. This *Expedient* conſiſts of two things, the *firſt* whereof is, a laying down ſome *Defenſive Remedies* to ſecure particular perſons from receiving *Infection* from *Pockie Women*. The *ſecond* is a *Secluſion* of infected Courtizans from Publique Converſe, but yet ſo as this *Secluſion* may be commodious to this Nation, and alſo a deſign of *Charity* to the *Proſtitutes* themſelves. We ſhall diſcourſe of this *Secluſion* towards the end of this Treatiſe. But in the firſt place we will enquire after the *Defenſives*, and lay them down in a plain, familiar, and intelligible Method; and alſo call in a dozen of the learnedſt Phyſicians in Chriſtendom, to give their Sentiments

in the Caſe; whoſe *Judgments* and *Preſcriptions* will farther explicate, confirm, and enlarge the whole buſineſs.

But firſt we are to conſider three things: Firſt, what kind of *Pocky Women* are moſt dangerous and infectious, and when? Secondly, what men are moſt apt to receive Infection? and Thirdly, the Way or Manner how the Pox is imparted to the body.

1. What kind of *Pockie Women* are moſt dangerous? I anſwer, that young Women are more infectious than Ancient: ſo alſo thoſe who are of a ſpare, thin, cholerique Conſtitution of body, and alſo ſuch as are of a ſanguin, hot, and moiſt complexion; and laſtly, thoſe who have the Pox complicate with the *Scurvy*. The Reaſon is manifeſt: for young women are more hot and moiſt than old, and by conſequence, the Venom in ſuch bodies muſt

muſt needs be more diffuſive of it ſelf, than 'tis in an old, dry, and cold body. The Pox is very malignant in a cholerique, hot, and dry Conſtitution; becauſe by the great heat of the Body the Venom is calcin'd and advanc'd to a high degree of Malignity. In bodies which are ſanguin, hot and moiſt, the Venom is active, ſpirituous, and quick, becauſe *Heat* and *Moiſture* increaſe Putrefaction and Corruption of Humours; and being *diffuſive qualities*, ſoon communicate and ſpread the Venom. And laſtly, the *Scurvy*, in the judgment of all who have writ of it, is a venemous contagious Diſeaſe, and ſomething of kin to the Pox; ſo according to the Proverb, *Vis unita fortior*, a combination of Venoms is moſt forcible. But of all Women, ſhe who is dull, ſluggiſh, and of a phlegmatique, groſs, cold Conſtitution is the leaſt infectious: for

ſuch a woman, if ſhe have no *Gonorrhœa*, nor *Ulcers* in the *uterin Paſſage*, does not very quickly communicate the Pox, but many times the firſt that converſes with her, receives no dammage at all; but the ſecond, who comes upon her when her body is heated, and the Venom agitated and ſtirr'd, receives the Pox. A *Gonorrhœa* and *Ulcers* in the *Uterin Paſſage* may be gueſs'd at by the Lubricity and Moiſture of thoſe parts.

The other part of the Queſtion is, When are *Pockie Women* moſt infectious? *Anſw.* When the Venom and Humours are moſt agitated and heated with *Wine*, *Heating Drinks*, and *burning Luſt*. For all theſe things heat the body, agitate the infectious Humours, and diffuſe the Venom. But above all the moſt dangerous time to meddle with ſuch women, is, when they have their *Courſes*. For at that time

time Nature mightily endeavours to discharge all the Venom and impurities of the whole Body that way, so that of necessity they must be exceeding pernicious at such times.

2. The second Thing to be consider'd, is, what men are most apt to receive Infection? I Answer, Young people receive it far sooner than Ancient; so also those who are of a sanguin, hot, and moist constitution of body, but especially when they are ἐμπαθέστατοι under the greatest ὁρμὴ and most *rapid Commotion* of *Lust*. And lastly, those who have the *Glans* cover'd with the *Præpuce*. Now that this is so, is manifest from Observation: and it's also attested and confirmed by that learned Physician *Gabriel Falloppius*, in's Book *de morbo Gallico*, cap. 22. who gives this Reason of it, *viz.* the *Glans*, by reason 'tis constantly cover'd with

the *Præpuce*, is moſt tender, ſoft, and ſuſceptive of the μιάσματα and *venemous Impreſſes* of the *Pox:* but on the contrary, when that part is bare and uncover'd, it becomes more firm, compact and hardned, and does not ſo eaſily admit the Venom. *Hercules Saxonia, de Lue Venerea, cap.* 4. grants the thing to be true, but he thinks *Falloppius* miſtaken in the cauſe: for he is of opinion, that 'tis not becauſe the part is more ſoft and tender, but becauſe the Venom does inſinuate between the *Glans* and *Præpuce*, and afterwards impart its malignity to the whole body. For my part, I believe theſe learned men are both in the right: for without doubt, as *Falloppius* aſſerts, when the *Glans* is perpetually cover'd, the skin muſt of neceſſity be more looſe, thin and warm, and much eaſier admit the

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Venom than when 'tis otherwiſe. So alſo, according to *Saxonia*, the Venom does inſinuate between the *Glans* and *Præpuce*, and more cloſely attaque the Patient. But of this we have diſcours'd more largely in our Treatiſe of the Pox.

3. The *Way* or *Manner* how the *Infection* of the Pox is communicated to the Body, is thus: when a Woman gets the Pox from a Man, the Infection is ſometimes receiv'd from the *Chancres* on the Genital, but moſt commonly from his infectious Sperm. When a Man receives it from a Woman, the Contagion inſinuates into the *Glans* from the *Uterin Paſſage*, which commonly is full of *Pockie Ulcers*, or beſmer'd with the virulent matter of a *Gonorrhœa*. Theſe *Ulcers* emit a venemous *ſanies*, which infects that tender part call'd the *glans*. Theſe impreſſions of Venom remain ſome time upon

upon the *Glans* onely, and afterwards (if let alone) insinuate into the humours and spirits, and so infect the whole body. You are also to understand, that a Woman may in Coition give the Pox to her Gallant, notwithstanding she has no *Gonorrhœa*, nor *Ulcers* in the *Uterin Passage*.

This being premis'd, we come now to the *Defensive Method*. And here it would be vain and fruitless to think to secure the body by *Internal Antidotes* only, and wholly neglect *Topique Applications*, seeing that the inward parts at first are entire and free, and the Venom lies only in the *glans*. We therefore in this *Defensive Method* are to propose two things. 1. To make the *Genital part* or member δύσπαθες, firm and as it were impassible. This has been attempted by *Falloppius*, and since by others, who to this purpose prescribe *Stiptic*

ptick Lotions, and *Linnen Raggs* impregnated with ſuch decoctions, and apply them to the *Glans* in men, and to the *Uterin Paſſage* in women, both before and after Coition, as you ſhall ſee in the enſuing Chapters. 2. By *Lotions*, *Fomentations*, *Attractives*, *Suffiments*, &c. to draw forth the Venom whilſt it is in the genital part only, before it get to the internal parts. For this Venom, if compar'd with that of other *venemous beaſts*, is ſomewhat dull and ſluggiſh, and for ſome hours moves not, but afterwards (if let alone) it gets into the bloud, and by a continuity of parts ſoon infects the whole body. You are therefore preſently after Coition to make water, for that cleanſes the inward part of the genital. Then uſe *Bandage* or *ſtrict ligature* to that part of the Genital next the belly: for this Ligature compreſ-

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ſes the Veſſels, and hinders the circulation of the Blood and Humours, and conſequently it hinders the Venom from inſinuating with the blood into the inward parts. Then foment it with *warm Urine*, or (which is much better) with *white Wine* as hot as can be indur'd. Waſh all the members, but eſpecially the *Glans*. Do ſo ſeveral times in the day, for two or three days together. Or, this Decoction: boyl *Guaiacum*, *Chamæpitys*, *Germander*, *Horehound*, *Scordium*, *Aſh-leaves* and *Keyes*, *Dictamnus Creticus*, *Gentian*, &c. in white Wine, (if you add a little *Præcipitate* 'twill be far more efficacious); and foment the *Glans* and whole *Part* with it often in a day. After the firſt day, take off the Ligature. The Ligature is to be looſen'd when the Patient makes water, or when the Part erects it ſelf and ſwells. After every bathing

ing apply Pigeons or Whelps newly diſſected and hot. Some commend a Liniment of *Mithridate* or *Venice Treacle.* For theſe things have great virtue to draw forth Venom. You may alſo ſweat four mornings together with an Apozeme of *Guaiacum.*

Here I conjure and charge all perſons concern'd, not to be wanting to their own good, nor to neglect theſe *Remedies*, or defer the time, but immediately after *Venus* to waſh and mundify the parts with the aforeſaid *Lotions*: and they may be confident of the *Cure.* But if they defer the time, and let the Venom get head, and take rooting in the body, the fault is their own, I have given them fair warning. Note alſo that none is to converſe a whole night with an *infectious woman*, for in twelve hours time the venom may do much hurt, and inſinuate into the

the inward parts beyond a poſſibility of Extraction by *Topique Applications.* Mundifie therefore the part, and waſh off the *poyſonous* matter with *warm Urine* preſently after the Act, then get the aforeſaid Remedies. *Principiis obſta*——

Sometimes after medling with infected *Women*, the Patient will feel an Itching in the Genital. In this caſe I adviſe you to uſe *Fallopius's* Suffiment deſcrib'd in the next Chapter; or that of *Varandæus*, ſet down in the eleventh Chapter of this Treatiſe. Take a little earthen Pot with ſome live coals in it, and put ſome of the Powder upon the coals, and place an artificial Funnel over it, ſo as you may admit the ſmoke to the *glans*, or whole Part: be ſure you do it dexterouſly, that you admit not the cold Air to the part, nor the Smoke to the Patients Noſe or Mouth;

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and when you have done, wrap it in *warm Cotton*. Do ſo three mornings together. This *Suffiment* is a *potent* Medicine, and to be adminiſter'd with diſcretion: put not too much powder upon the coals; neither are you to continue the Operation too long. Theſe *Suffiments*, if prudently us'd, are of admirable virtue to *prevent* the *Pox*.

What has been already ſaid is ſufficient to prevent the Pox, and ſecure any perſon whatſoever. Yet that our *Defenſive Method* may be compleat and full, I ſhall annex the Preſcriptions of a dozen of the greateſt Phyſicians of this and the laſt Ages.

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CHAP. VI.

Falloppius his Defensives to prevent the Pox. Of the Use and Way of preparing his Medicinal Linnen. His two Suffiments of excellent virtue in this case.

Falloppius de Morbo Gallico, cap. 89. layes down this *Defensive Method*, to preserve the body from *Chancres* and the Pox. *Ego nihil feciſſe videor*, &c. I might seem, *says he*, to have done just nothing, unless also I teach you a way, how, any person seeing a *beautiful Siren*, and conversing with her, although she be infected, may yet be secur'd from the *Pox*. I was always of Opinion, that there was some way to be us'd, to prevent *Chancres* and the *Pox*. But what is this way?

I told you formerly, that these *Chancres* (or *Ulcers* on the *Genital*) were caus'd by little venemous bodies, imparted from the infectious woman, and being receiv'd into the porosities of the *glans*, cause an Eruption of *Ulcers:* therefore 'tis necessary, that after *Venus* we forthwith cleanse away this venemous matter from the *Glans*. But if it has insinuated into the Pores, notwithstanding we wash the parts with *Wine*, *Urine* or *Water*, yet we cannot wash off the matter. And this frequently falls out in those, who have the *glans* tender, and cover'd with the *præpuce*. How therefore must we proceed? I ever believ'd that we might lay down some Remedy, which has power of its own nature to penetrate the skin, and disperse the malignant matter, or else to draw it forth, or dry it up, and overcome it. Therefore I have invented this ensuing

ſiſing Remedy. But becauſe we muſt court theſe Courtizans, and win their Affections, it is not convenient to carry *Oyntments* and *Salves* along with us; therefore I have found out the uſe of a fine linnen Rag, imbu'd and impregnated with a Medicinal virtue, which may conveniently be carri'd with us.—— As oft therefore as any ſhall pollute himſelf with theſe Strumpets, let him (if poſſibly he can) waſh the Genital part: afterwards let him apply the *Medicinal Rag*, being cut and exactly proportion'd to cover the whole *glans:* let him, I ſay, after coition apply it to the *glans*, and cover it with the *Præpuce.* If you fear *Ulcers* in the *Urinary paſſage*, put this *Præſervative Linnen* into that paſſage. *I have experimented this Remedy in a thouſand; and, I call the Immortal God to witneſs, that not one was infected.* Obſerve alſo that any clean linnen has

has a great *preſervative virtue:* alſo new ſoft Cotton, wrapt about the naked *glans*, after you have mundify'd it with *deterſive Waſhes*, wonderfully preſerves; when the Patient takes off this *Lint*, let him look upon it, for he ſhall ſee it ſanious, and diſcolour'd with a yellowiſh, pale, or blackiſh colour. Let the perſon always wrap this Linnen upon the *Glans* for four or five hours. The way of preparing this *defenſive Linnen* is excellent, and is as follows.

Take Gentian, all three ſorts of Birthwort of each a drachm, white and red Sanders, Wood of Aloes, of each two Scruples; red Coral, Spodium of Ivory, burnt Harts horn, of each half a drachm, Scordium, Sowthiſtle, Betony, Scabious, Tormentil, of each one handful; Roſe-leaves a handful and half, Guaiacum two ounces, Squama Æris two drachms, Præcipitate prepar'd a drachm and half

of the beſt Muſcadel of Creet one pint and half, waters of Sow-thiſtle and Scabious two pints. Take the Wine and the Water, and infuſe the Guaiacum therein 24 hours: then add the other things, and let them boyl 'till half be conſum'd. Then ſtrain forth the Decoction. In this Decoction a pure linnen cloth is ſteep'd all night, and afterwards dry'd in the ſhade: this is perform'd three times; for we macerate it thrice, & dry it thrice. After that we cut it in pieces of a juſt proportion to involve the glans, & they are always to be kept in readines.-- The ſame Author gives us another Deſcription of this *Preſervative Linnen*, and alſo further proſecutes the buſineſs.

Take round Birthworth, Gentian, white Dittany, of each two drachms, Scordium, Sow-thiſtle, Rue, of each an ounce and half; Wood of Aloes, all three ſorts of Sanders, ſeeds of Citron, of each a drachm, Rhubarb, Tormentil,

mentil, St. Johns-wort, of each half a drachm, Mithridate two drachms, Guaiacum two ounces, the beſt Muſcadel, water of Sow-thiſtle, of each one pint and half. Let the wood be firſt ſteep'd a whole day in the water and wine: afterwards boyl it until the third part be waſted; then put in the other things, and let them be macerated a day; after that boyl them until half be conſum'd: then ſtrain it out. Be careful that the veſſel, wherein your Medicaments boyl, be well clos'd. It would be beſt if it were done in B. M. This being done, take the Linnen, and ſteep it in the Decoction three dayes: then dry it in the ſhade in a hot place; wet it and dry it again: do ſo three times, or oftner, if you pleaſe. This Linnen being well dry'd, keep it for uſe, wrap'd up in paper, or in Linnen. I might commend this Remedy much, but do you try it, your ſelves ſhall be witneſſes of its virtue. But, if you are

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fearful, and desire a more potent remedy, and begin to feel an *Itching* in the Genital, go home, and suffumigate the *Præpuce* with the ensuing *Suffiment.*

Take an earthen pot, in which put a live coal or two, sprinkle upon the coals this powder, and by degrees hold the genital part over the Smoke; afterwards take the *prepar'd Linnen* or *clean Cotton* and put it upon the *glans*, and the *venemous matter* will be drawn from the Liver. The *Powder* is this.

Take powder of red Roses, Wormwood, red Sanders, of each one scruple and a half, Benjamin, Camphire, Frankincense, Aloes, Myrrh, of each two Scruples, Cinnabaris one drachm and a half, Præcipitate one drachm. Mix them, and reduce them to a gross powder. With this we suffumigate the part, and prevent *Ulcers* in the *glans.*—— If the Courtizan be so deeply infected that a stronger Remedy

medy is requir'd when you come home you ſhall take off the *Preſervative linnen*, and take an earthen Pot with a live Coal or two, then fold a ſheet of paper round, in form of a Horn and artificially place it over the Pot: put a little Powder upon the fire, and three or four times ſuffumigate the *Glans* and *Præpuce*, having been firſt cleans'd and dry'd: *& tutiſſimi eritis.* The Powder is this.

Take powder of red Roſes, Wormwood, Sandaracha rubra, of each a ſcruple and half, Benjamin, Camphire, Frankincenſe, of each two ſcruples, Cinnabaris 2 ſcruples. Mix them and reduce them to powder. Thus *Falloppius.*

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CHAP. VII.

Rudius's Prophylactique Method to prevent the Pox.

EUſtachius Rudius *de morb. occ. & venen. lib.* 5. *cap.* 13. propoſes this Method. It is to be obſerv'd (*ſaies he*) that when any has lately convers'd with an infected woman, though as yet there appear no ſigns of infection; yet before the Venom inſinuate too far in the body, it ought to be revell'd from that part wherein 'twas firſt receiv'd, not by *Friction*s only, but by other *Attractives* which the part affected can admit and endure. Wherefore as in *Contagious Diſeaſes* by the *Bite of Venemous Animals*, a *ſtrict Ligature* is apply'd a little above the part affected; and then the *Venom* with apt *Remedies* is drawn

drawn forth. So after *converſe* with an *infected Woman*, it is not improper forthwith to take a Linnen Band of the bredth of ones finger, and ſtrictly bind the root of the Genital: which Band is to be relax'd when the Patient makes water, and the part diſtends it ſelf. Then foment the whole part with a *new ſponge* dipt in a *Lie* made of twigs of *Vines* or *Fig-tree*, or in *Poſca* wherein has been boyled ſome *Guaiacum*, or *ſharp Pickle*, *Brine*, *Sea-water*, or the like *Attractive Medicament*. —— If the band wherewith the root of the genital is bound, be ſpread with a *Defenſive* of *Bole Armeny*, *Maſtic*, *Sarcocol*, *fine flower* and the *white of an Egg*, it will be far more Excellent. If, after binding the part, the whole Genital be involv'd in this following Remedy, it will be moſt powerful to draw the *Venom*

from the inward parts, and to ſecure the Patient.

Take Guaiac 6 ounces, water 4 quarts, Boyl them until two third parts of the water be conſum'd: then add roots of wild Cucumbers, roots of Mallows, roots of Marſh mallows of each an ounce, Iberis, Thapſia of each a handful. Let the roots be bruis'd and put in, and after it has boyl'd a little, let it be remov'd from the fire, and ſtrain'd. Macerate fine linnen in this Decoction and dry it in the ſhade. After *Venus* having bound the root of the genital apply this defenſive linnen to the whole part: keep it bound on 2 days or more: but the Ligature at the bottom or root after the firſt day is to be taken off. Likewiſe if before *Venus* we uſe thoſe medicines which bind and ſtrengthen the Genital, the Venom may be kept out. *Take yellow Myrobalans and Chebul Myrob. of each half an*

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ounce, Cypres Nuts 15. *Pine Nuts* 4. *red Roſe leaves a ſmall handful, Pontic Wormwood a handful, Galls, Myrtel berries, ſeeds of Sumach, of each an ounce. Let them all be bruis'd and ſteep'd in black auſtere Wine and the water of Pine-nuts, and be diſtill'd in a Bath.* Let Linnen Rags dipt in this water warm'd be apply'd between the *glans* and *præpuce:* alſo herewith let the part be waſhed. For it's an *excellent Antidote* and has often been experimentally approv'd. Thus *Rudius.*

CHAP. VIII.

Saxonia's Way of Prevention.

HERCULES *Saxonia* has alſo ſet forth a *Preſervative Method* to prevent the *Pox*, *cap.* 16. *De Lue Venerea.*

First, let them waſh the *parts*

with *ſtyptic auſtere Wine*, wherein has been boyl'd *Guaiac*, *Roſes*, *Myrtel-berries*, *Balauſtia*, *Acacia*, *Hypociſtis*: and after Lotion let 'em take *Linnen impregnated* with *Falloppius's Decoction*, and dry'd; and keep it on the *glans*. Notwithſtanding I much eſteem *Falloppius's Decoction*, yet perhaps it may be more infirm than the following one.

Take Gentian, round and long Birthwort, Calamint, Dittany, Scordium of Creet, Tormentil, Angelica, Maſterwort, of each one ounce, Scabious, Fumitary, Betony, Wormwood, of each a handful, Wood of Aloes, 2 drachms, all three ſorts of Sanders, Raſpings of Ivory, Hartshorn burnt, of each a drachm and half, Acacia, Hypociſtis, Balauſtia, Roſes, of each half an handful, Guaiacum a pound, true Muſcadel of Creet two pints, waters of Scabious, Fumitary and Roſes of each a pint,

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Water of Plantain 3 *pints*, *the beſt Præcipitate* 2 *drachms.* Infuſe the wood in the waters and wine, and let it boyl until half be waſted; towards the end let the reſt of the Ingredients be put in; when they have boyl'd a little, let them ſtand in infuſion 24 hours, then boyl them until the third part be waſted: when you have preſſ'd forth the Decoction, take *Linnen* proportion'd to the bigneſs of the *glans* or *vulva*, ſteep them in the Decoction, and dry them in the ſhade, do ſo the ſecond and third time. This Linnen apply'd before *Venus* hardens the parts, dries up ſuperfluous moiſtures, hinders putrefaction, ſo that *Falloppius* has atteſted *that of* 1000 *to whom he gave this Antidote, not one was infected.* Nor are thoſe things to be omitted, which after *Venus* may conduce to the *preſervation* of the party: thoſe are *Waſhing* the Privity

vity with *Urine* or *Hot water*; but *warm* or *hot Lie* is better than that; and *White Wine hot* excells all. With this wash not the *glans* only, but the whole part, as also the Testicles, not once or twice, but often, and at least two daies. But, if after *Venus* any have heat in their Urin, or excoriation in the *glans*, then stronger Remedies are to be us'd; the *Venom* is to be drawn forth, the Passages are to be intercepted that the contagion may not have passage to the inward parts. We must use *internal Antidotes* to subdue the Venom, and *Topique Applications* to draw forth the Malignity; as *Decoctions of Dictamnus, Calamint, Scordium, Gentian, Guaiacum, made in Wine:* as also *Suffiments of Cinnabaris, Frankincense, Myrrh, Wood of Aloes, Saffron.* The same also is done with *exenterate Animals*, as *Pigeons, Chickens* or the *Lungs of Whelps* apply'd hot to the

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Privities. — If there appear no *Chancre*, *Ulceration* or *Inflammation*, then foment it with *Aqua vitæ*, or apply a Liniment of *Venice Treacle*, *Mithridate*, or an *Oyntment of Figs*, *Nuts* and *juice of Rue* — To intercept the passage of the Venom apply a *Defensive Oyntment* to that part of the member next the belly — As concerning *internal Antidotes* use *Venice Treacle*, *Mithridate*, *Diascordium:* and generally those *Antidotes* which are *Præservatives* against the *Pest* are very good in this case — But if the Patient has the *glans* ulcerated or inflam'd, we are not presently to judge it requires the *grand Diet-drink*; for many times this accident happens immediately after *impure Venus*, and without dammage in any other part whatsoever.— In this case *Precipitate* is an excellent Remedy, if duly us'd. *Take of Precipitate a drachm, of Unguent. Ros. or fresh*

bitter an ounce, mix them. Uſe this not continually, but between times uſe a *warm* and *emollient Lotion*, leſt the *Præcipitate* cauſe a *callofity* upon the part. Therefore after 24 hours take it off, and waſh the part with a *decoction of Mallows, Linſeed and a little Guaiacum:* and if need require, apply the *Præcipitate* again. — If the body be full, purge gently with ſome *Lenitive*, leſt *ſtrong Purges* draw the Venom (which is in the outward part only) to the inward. Forbear *Bleeding*, unleſs the *Chancre* has an *Inflammation* connex'd with it; if there is Inflammation, bleed in the foot rather than in the arm. Thus *Hercules Saxonia.*

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CHAP. IX.

Minadous his Prophylacticon.

Aurelius Minadous de Virulentiâ Venereâ cap. 32. lays it down thus: —— I return, says he, to the principal Design, proposing the Opinion of those, who believe that if after *Venus* the genitals were all cover'd with *warm Horse-dung*, it would be a soveraign Remedy to prevent Infection; or rather of notable force to draw forth and disperse the venom. For they believe that in that *Dung* there's a certain innate faculty of drawing forth and dispersing *Pockie venom.* And *Ioan. Costæus* affirms that 'tis discover'd by the Experiment of some modern Physicians, that if one who has the *Pox*, cover his whole Body in *Horse-dung*, permitting himself

ſelf only the liberty of breathing, it will perfectly cure him. But if this Medicine can cure the body when 'tis throughly infected, how much more is it to be commended, if apply'd to the Genital only [by way of Prevention.] Thus *Minadous.*

CHAP. X.

The Defenſives of Panarolus, Fracaſtorius, Torrella, Catanens, Fonſeca, Petronius, Sylvius, &c.

Panarolus in 's Book of *Obſervations* propoſes a Way of preventing the Pox for Women with *new Sponges*; and he ſays 'tis infallible.

Fracaſtorius bids after the Combat, Waſh the endanger'd part with *Aq. Roſ.* and then foment it *decocto alu. minus & æruginis*, and anoint

anoint that and the vicine parts with a certain *Theriac Unguent*: As for Internals he bids, give *Theriaca* or *Mithrid.*

Torrella, and out of him *Cataneus* adviſe to take an equal proportion of *Bole-Armeny* and *Sangs draconis*, and with *juyce of Plantain* and *Vinegar* to be temper'd and ſpread on a linnen cloth and bound about the root of the Genital, to compreſs the Veins, and intercept the paſſage of the Venom. Then to draw forth the Poyſon, he ſcarifies the lips of the *Chancre*, or applies *Sope* with *Chalk*: or *Mithridate*; or the deplum'd Fundament of a live Pigeon to the Ulcer. And laſtly, for a *Bezoartique* to expel the Infection by ſweat, he gives a drachm of *Theriaca* in *Sorrel-water.*

Fonſeca (*Tom.* 1. *Conſ.* 35.) layes down the *Defenſives* of *Falloppius*, *Rudius*, *Saxonia*, &c. all which you

you may ſee in the Precedent Chapters.

Petronius derides *Falloppius*'s *Defenſives*, and adviſes after *Venus* to waſh the parts with *warm Urine*, *Wine*, or the *Decoction of Guaiac*; and after waſhing, to apply *clean Linnen* or a *fine Sponge*, for that extracts the *Venom* and *infectious Moiſture*.

Joan. Sylvius (*de Morbo Gallico Declam.*) bids them preſently after the Act waſh the parts with *warm Water*, or *white Wine*, which is much better.

CHAP. XI.

Palmarius's Defenſive Method ſummarily laid down. Varandæus his Prophylacticon.

Palmarius tells us that as *K. Mithridates* with his *Antidote* fortifi'd

tiſi'd his body, and made it impaſſible; ſo he, deſiring the *Safety* of Mankind, and the *Extinction* of this Diſeaſe, has invented an *Amulet*, by the due uſe whereof Man's Body may be ſecur'd, and made impregnable. But withal he conjures Phyſicians not to diſcover it to luxurious perſons. I have omitted this *Amulet*, becauſe of its length and my intended brevity; and alſo becauſe 'tis much ſuch another Compoſition as *Theriaca Andromachi* or *Mithridatium*.

If I may be permitted to give my Opinion of *Palmarius's Prophylacticon*, I judg it a *potent Sudorifick* to cure the *Pox*; but not at all proper as a *Defenſive* to prevent the danger of this Diſeaſe. For, in our Caſe, the Blood, Humours, Inward parts, and whole Habit of the Body are all ſound and entire; the Privities onely are attaqu'd: in thoſe parts there's a *ſuperficiary*

Impreſs of Venom. And certainly *Internal Medicines* alone can never reach the Venom when 'tis in a remote part, and extrinſic only; but it muſt be thruſt out by *Bezoartique*, and drawn forth by *Topique* or *Local Medicines*. But *Palmarius*'s *Defenſive Method* is a tedious Preſcription of *Internal Remedies* continued many days together, and in my opinion, ineffectual to this purpoſe, becauſe no regard is had to the part affected.

In the laſt place comes *Varandæus*. This learned man in 's Book *de Lue Ven.* præſcribes a Decoction, much after the manner of thoſe of *Falloppius* and *Saxonia*, and appoints Linnen to be macerated in it, and afterwards dry'd in the ſhade, and apply'd to the parts before and after *Venus*'s *Exerciſe*. He bids alſo to make water, and waſh the parts with *white Wine*, and to apply the *Medicate Linnen* or *Cotton* im-

impregnated with the ſame Decoction: as alſo to thruſt into the Urinary Paſſage the ſaid Cotton in form of a Tent. For if the *Scort* be infectious, the Cotton in an hour or two will appear ſanious and diſcolour'd, the filth which was in thoſe paſſages being attracted and drawn to it.— He tells us that *Empiriques* eſteem the following *Suffiment* a moſt approved thing.

Take red Roſes, Wormwood, Scordium, Dittany, red Sanders, of each a drachm, Styrax Calamita, Cinnabaris, and Præcipitate well prepar'd, of each a Scruple Reduce them to a groſs powder, whereof let a little be caſt on the coals, and the ſmoak, by a funnel artificially plac'd on the Coals, be admitted to the genital: let the part afterwards be carefully cover'd and kept warm. Do ſo 3 mornings together. Thus *Joan. Varandæus.*

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Gentlemen, I have now diſpatch'd the firſt part of the *Expedient*, concerning the *Defenſives*: which I have carefully ſelected out of the *learned Works* of the *greateſt Phyſicians* in Chriſtendome. I have communicated them chiefly for the uſe of thoſe whom the *Greeks* call θηλυμανεῖς, *i. e.* Perſons ſo furiouſly tranſported with *brutiſh Deſires* that they are reſolv'd to run the greateſt hazard imaginable rather than deny themſelves any *Satisfaction* in that kind. But, I hope *ſober perſons* will ſtill be wary, and not repoſe too much Confidence in any *Defenſives* whatſoever; but ſtill believe the *P O X* a *moſt perilous Diſeaſe*, and in ſome Women *moſt deſperately contagious*. *Rudius* (*de Morb. venen. lib.* 5. *c.* 10.) tells us that *ſome Sorts are ſo profoundly poxt, that all who meddle with them*

them are incurably clapt, and ſoon after diſpatcht to another World. And (*lib.* 5. *c.* 8.) he tells a remarkable Story of a wanton young fellow, *who by kiſſing a Courtizan got ſuch a deſperate Pox upon his Tongue, that the beſt Phyſicians and Chirurgeons in the City could not cure it, but he ſoon after miſerably expir'd.*

I do really believe and avouch it that *among all the Common Proſtitutes in this Town there's ſcarce one but has the Pox.*

And me thinks the very thoughs of that *naſty Diſeaſe* ſhould be a potent Ἀνταφροδισιακὸν to repreſs any mans deſires though never ſo impetuous.

CHAP.

CHAP. XII.

An Expedient for rooting the Pox out of England, Tranſportation of incurable Proſtitutes propos'd, commended, and urg'd from Divine Laws, and the Inſtitutes of Chriſtian Nations.

Gentlemen, I have faithfully diſcover'd the *Secrets* of *this Diſeaſe*: I have inſtructed you in its *Cure*: I have furniſh'd you with *Defenſives*. You are now your own Doctors; you have *Excellent Medicines* both to *prevent* and *cure* the *Pox*. It only remains now that we conſider of ſome *Expedient* to root out this Diſeaſe, that Engliſh-*men* hereafter may never hear more of it. The only way to effect this, will be to remove from this City thoſe pernicious Animals, Common

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Pockie and *Incurable Proſtitutes*. But you'l reply, they're ſo numerous, what ſhall we do with them all? I will propoſe an Expedient, which may be *Commodious* to this City: *Advantageous* to his Majeſties Intereſt in his Plantations: and a *Deſign* of *Charity* to the *Wretches* themſelves: which is, to tranſport them to *Jamaica* and *Barbados*. The *Tranſportation* of theſe *Common* and *Incurable Courtizans*, 1. Will be *Commodious* to this City; For, will it not be a marvellous Contentment to all, to ſee this huge *City* clear'd of theſe peſtilent Creatures, and to have your beds ſecur'd from the Pox? I am ſure as the caſe ſtands now, many *ſubſtantial Citizens* are daily ruin'd by theſe women, and that not always by their own extravagancies, but too often by the debauchery of their Prentices, who uſually careſs theſe Courtizans out of their Maſters

ſters Coffers. 2. It wil be *Advantageous* to his Majeſties Plantations, which want people, and may be mightily ſupply'd and enlarg'd by the Acceſs of ſo numerous a Party, which here are wholly unprofitable. And 3. It will be a *Work* of *Signal Charity* to the *Proſtitutes* themſelves, to remit *them* and the *Pox* to the *Indies* from whence it came. For 1. It will be a work of *Charity* to them in reſpect of their *Bodies*: for this is the only way for them to attain a *Speedy* and *Perfect Cure*. Here in this cold Climate all the *Art of Man* is not able ever to cure them, the *Pox* is ſo profoundly rooted in their bones. But in thoſe hot Countries the *Pox*, which here could not poſſibly be overcome, has often in a fortnight been *throughly cur'd*, as has been experimentally atteſted by ſeveral. 2. It will be a *Deſign of Charity* to their *Souls*, to remove them from

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their *curſed Company*, and tranſport them to places of better *Employment* and *Society*. And 3. the very thoughts of *Tranſportation* will hereafter be ſuch a Μορμὼ and *Terrour* to *luxurious women*, that 'twill fright them into better manners; and probably may have greater influence upon that numerous party than any other *Menaces* or *Reſtrictive Laws* whatſoever.

Moreover I urge this *Tranſportation* of *Incurable Courtizans*; 1. From the *Laws of God*, which command that *Lepers* and *infected perſons* ſhould be ſeparated from the reſt of Mankind. 2. From the *Inſtituter* and *Cuſtomes* of all Civil Nations, who have ever us'd to ſeclude from *Publique Converſe* thoſe who have the *Peſt*, *Leproſy*, or *other* contagious Diſeaſes. Why then ſhould *Pockie Strumpets* be permitted the freedome of *Publique Converſe*, or have

liberty to infect Mankind? I am ſure *Rudius* and *Sennertus* lament the *partial* and *uneven hand* of *Publique Juſtice*, which ſo ſeverely puniſhes *Felons*, and yet permits theſe *Common Scorts* (*ſo profoundly poxt, and beyond a poſſibility of Cure*) to ruin thouſands, and infect whole *Families*, *Cities* and *Kingdomes*.

I conjure and beſeech all *Good Divines*, that, as I have taken *Care* of the *Body*, they would take *Charge* of the *Soul*, and by their *Good Doctrine* and *Exemplary Lives* inſtitute theſe *Extravagants* in the *Ways* of *Continence* and *Temperance*.

ΤΕΛΟΣ.